

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Section 63.71 Application of)	
)	File No.
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a)	
AT&T Louisiana)	
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
LLC**

AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Louisiana (“AT&T”), applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue BellSouth Metallic service (aka BellSouth Special Access Metallic), Telegraph Grade services (aka BellSouth Special Access Telegraph), Voice Grade service (aka BellSouth Special Access DS0 VG Service), Program Audio service (aka BellSouth Special Access Program Audio), Digital Data Access service (aka BellSouth Special Access DS0 Digital Data), High Capacity service (aka BellSouth Special Access High Capacity), and Derived Data Channel (aka BellSouth Special Access Derived Data Channel) service, throughout AT&T distribution area 110602 in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

AT&T is deploying new facilities in this area because of the severe flooding that completely destroyed AT&T's copper facilities serving this area. On August 12, 2016, southern Louisiana suffered severe thunderstorms and torrential rain which caused extreme flooding in several Parishes in Louisiana, including Baton Rouge.¹ On the same day, Louisiana Governor John Edwards declared a state of emergency. AT&T has restored many services in this area with a fiber-to-the-premises architecture, which will increase the broadband service options for this area. AT&T is discontinuing the above referenced services because it is either uneconomical or technically infeasible to provision these services over the new architecture.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC

For purposes of this 214 Application the address is as follows:
208 South Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue offering these services on or after August 6, 2018 or immediately upon approval of this application, whichever is first.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T will no longer offer these services in AT&T Distribution Area 110602, which includes the geographic area east of the Amite River and west of Louisiana Highway

¹ See "August 2016 extreme rain and floods along the Gulf Coast," <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/event-tracker/august-2016-extreme-rain-and-floods-along-gulf-coast>; See also "Before and After Photos of the Damage From Historic Flooding in Louisiana, The New York Times, August 17, 2016, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/08/16/us/louisiana-flooding-pictures-maps.html>.

(La Hwy) 16, generally described as the area along La Hwy 1019 and all streets off of La Hwy 1024 (Hunstock Road) then proceeding northward to Bear Cave Road.²

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

BellSouth Metallic service (a.k.a. BellSouth Special Access Metallic) provides an unconditioned two-wire channel capable of transmitting low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Metallic) channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub where bridging functions are performed.

Telegraph Grade service (a.k.a. BellSouth Special Access Telegraph) provides an unconditioned channel capable of transmitting binary signals at rates of 0-75 baud or 0-150 baud. This channel is furnished for half-duplex or duplex operation. Telegraph (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA Telegraph) Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub.

Voice Grade service (aka BellSouth Special Access DS0 VG Service) provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated two-wire or four-wire. Voice Grade (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DS0 VG) channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub.

Program Audio service (aka BellSouth Special Access Program Audio) provides a channel measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way

² See Map – Attachment A.

transmission is provided. Program Audio channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub.

Digital Data Access service (aka BellSouth Special Access DS0 Digital Data) provides a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 or 64.0 kbps. The channel provides a synchronous service with timing provided by the Telephone Company through the Telephone Company's facilities to the customer in the received bit stream. Digital Data Access (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA DSO Digital Data) service is used to connect customer designated premises to a Telephone Company DDAS Hub.

High Capacity service (aka BellSouth Special Access High Capacity), provides a channel for the transmission of 64.0 kbps, 3.152, and 6.312 Mbps isochronous serial data. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. High Capacity (a.k.a. BellSouth SPA High Capacity) channels are provided between customer-designated premises or between a customer-designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub.

Derived Data Channel (aka BellSouth Special Access Derived Data Channel) (DDCS) service provides full-duplex asynchronous or synchronous data transmission utilizing data over voice and sub-rate multiplexing technology. DDCS provides simultaneous data and voice transmissions over the customer's existing two-wire local exchange facility. A derived data channel is provided between the customer's premises and the customer's serving central office.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by the discontinuance of this service because there were no customers subscribing to these services prior to the flooding, and there have been no inquiries related to these services since that time.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(3)):

There were no customers subscribing to these services in the affected geographic areas prior to the flooding in August 2016. Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission, governor of Louisiana, federally recognized tribes (if any), and to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.³

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T offers these services pursuant to dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Joshua Woodbridge, AT&T Services, Inc., Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-2139.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of these services because there is no demand for these services in the affected geographic area. AT&T respectfully requests the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue these services.

³ Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

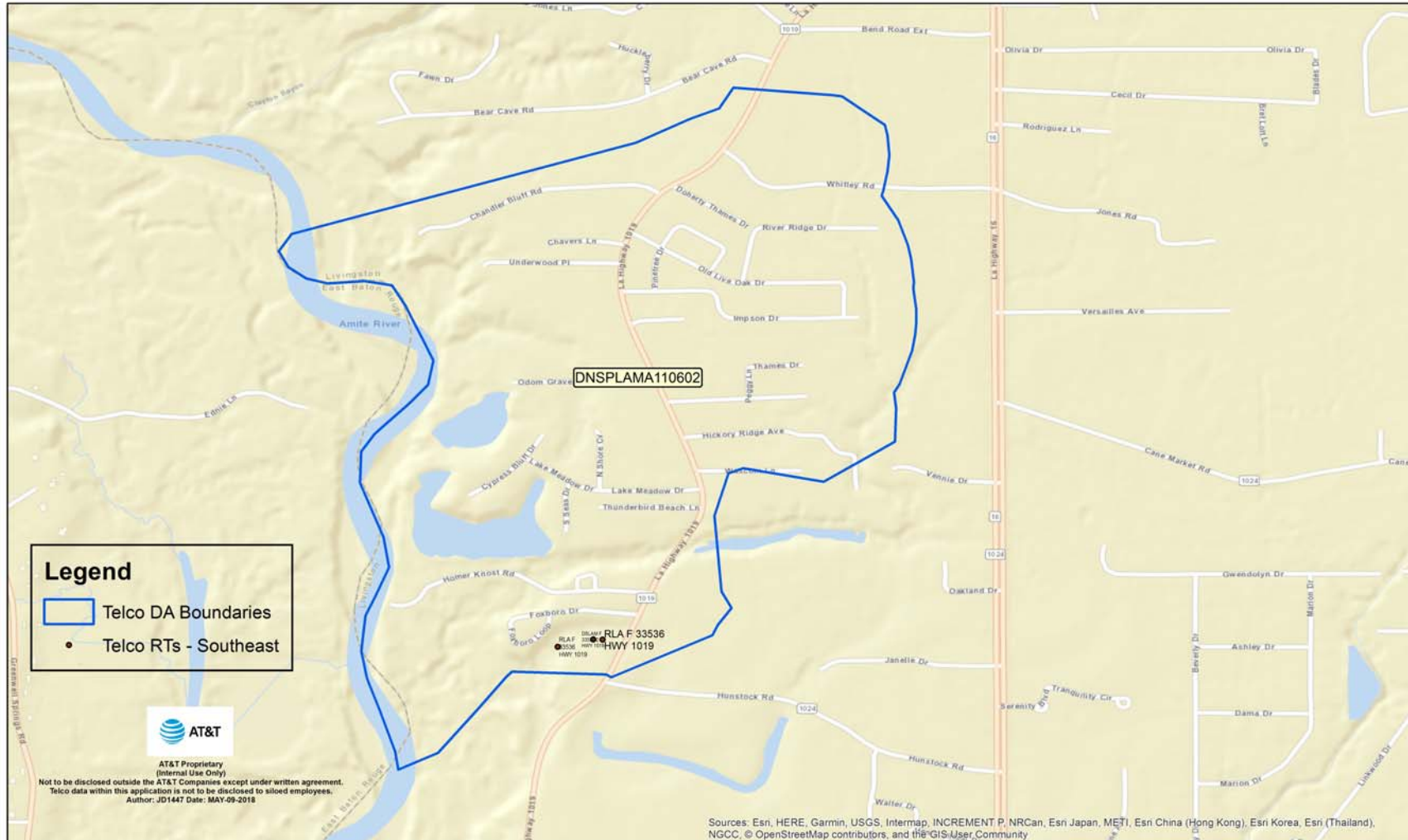
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ATTACHMENT A



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Lacretia Hill**, certify that I have, on May 21, 2018 served a copy of the foregoing
Section 63.71 Application of BellSouth Communications, LLC by U.S. Mail postage
prepaid to the addresses below:

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Lacretia Hill

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There are no federally-recognized tribal areas in the service area affected by this Application.